SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: What is the pecentage earmarked so that the people of Tamil Nadu could know what they are getting out of that?

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no percentage fixed. Next Question.

Scrapping of the perspective plan for Women

*104. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to scrap the Perspective Plan for Women, formulated last year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the details of any alternative plan prepared by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The questions do not arise.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Sir, I am happy that the Government does not propose to scrap the national perspective plan for women. Why I put this question was not that I feared that the Government would scrap the plan but because the Government was doing precious little for women. The Government has announced its decision about various legislation on socio-economic measures, but we have not heard from the Government whether they would introduce any legislation to potect the rights of women. I want that the emphasis has to shift from women's welfare to women's development and the focus on women's programme has to be on a woman as individual with her own rights. I would like to know whether the Government propose to introduce any legislation in this session containing *ter alia* matters regarding the employment of women, raising the age limit of women's entry into government service and also various other connected matters, to ensure that women are not looked upon as second class citizens but as partners in the destiny of the country.

PROF. M.G.K. MENON: Sir, I have already mentioned in the written reply; the answer to the question is that there is no proposal...

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Sir, I want answer to my supplementary and not on the earlier question.

PROF. M. G. K. MENON: As the hon. Member is aware, the Government has from time to time come out with several aspects which clearly bring out in an explicit from its stand on this subject. First of all, there must be equal involvement and participation of women in all aspects of national life. There should be equal status for women and this should be guaranteed before law. Government would sign a U.N. Convention on Women's Rights. There would be a statutory All-India Commission on Women. Special emphasis will be laid on vocational training of women. And there will be reservation with regard to women in various categories of bodies and employment areas, including bodies which plan, decide on policies and take decisions. Similarly, there are the matters which relate to employment and economic independence, maternity funds providing shelter, various aspects of social legislation, conferment of equal rights with regard to property and the fact that women should not be depicted in a wrong manner in the media or in various other areas where it has been happening before. These are the explicit views of the Government on

which Government stands and that will be the effort which will be made during the process of further implementation. I would however also like to add that there is the question of setting up a National Commission on Women. This is being proposed and after due approvals, it will certainly be brought up.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Sir, I had gone through the manifesto of the National Front and I also know what Ch. Devi Lal attempted to do in Haryana. I am also very much conscious of what they tried to do in Haryana and it is precisely the inaction of the Government which perturbs me. There are many platitudes used in the National Front manifesto. Mr. Yashwant Sinha was at pains to elaborate those.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You put your question.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: My question was not to the National Front as a party or as a group of parties, but to the present Government. I want to know from the Government — Prof. Menon was not then a member of the National Front. I do not know whether he is a member now or not—Sir, I want to know whether the Government is bringing forward the necessary legislation within this year and what has happened to the earlier Government's desire to appoint a Commission on Women's Rights. Besides what has happened to the various schemes? I would like to know from the hon. Minister about two or three schemes—regarding rehabilitation of women in distress, regarding constructing more hostels for working women, work for prevention of atrocities against women and finally help to voluntary organisations of women. I would like to know whether more allocations have been made by the present Government for these schemes.

PROF. M. G. K. MENON: As regards the first part of the question raised by the hon. Member, Government stands by all that was stated in the manifesto which I have described in detail.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: How does the manifesto come in this question?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has raised it and he has answered it. That is all ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir, every party has a manifesto.....We are more concerned with the Government.... *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kulkarni, he has put a question and he has answered it... You decide afterwards in your party...

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: You did not listen to his reply. The Minister said about in his reply... *(Interruptions)*

PROF. M. G. K. MENON: If I may come to the point...

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Sir, it is not his fault. He is a new entrant.

...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You want the answer from the Minister or from Mr. Kulkarni?

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: It is not his fault. It is hardly his fault.

MR. CHAIRMAN: According to me, the Minister is answering properly. He raised a question about their manifesto and the Minister has said that he stands by the manifesto. That's all. Now he is going on... *(Interruptions)*... Please do not disturb him.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: It is hardly his fault, Sir. He is a new entrant to politics. He doesn't know that political parties issue manifestoes only for purposes of elections.

...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री सभापति : आप पुराने आदमी हो, आप क्या कह रहे हो ?

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Sir, most humbly I have to submit...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please. But he was answering the other thing.... (*Interruptions*)... Your second supplementary is there. Please let him answer.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: I would rather say, a gentleman like the honourable Minister needs protection than women.

...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do you want a lady to be incharge?

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: They are of such a political lineage that they are questioning the validity of the Perspective Plan for Women about atrocities against women.' सर, हम को बोलने भी नहीं देते ; हाउस में । ये औरत के नाम पर बड़ा मातम मनाने वाले आए हैं ।

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Sir, the honourable lady Member is asking...

...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I just can't understand about what all this ado is!

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: That is the mystery of woman!

MR. CHAIRMAN: Perhaps what Mrs. Chowdhury wants to know is whether the Prime Minister is going to appoint a woman Minister incharge of Women Affairs! That he cannot answer.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Renuka, you will be a Minister!

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Sir, there is already a woman Minister to whom the portfolio can be given.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Your suggestion may be communicated to the Prime Minister.

PROF. M. G. K. MENON: Sir, first of all, as far as this area is concerned, it is already in the 35-point Action Plan which has been announced by the Government. Number two is that I fully agree with the honourable Member when he made the statement that we are concerned with the whole area of women's development. They constitute half the country and we must make sure in every sense that there is equity to ensure the possibility of their fullest participation as equal partners. Finally, Sir, you have made a very valid point, which is 'what is all this ado about'? May I make only one suggestion? This is an issue on which there is total agreement of everybody. We are concerned with the women of our country who should be brought up—brought up in literacy, in economic independence and in their ability to face life and be equal partners in all aspects of national development—and that is what the Government stands for, and all the allocations necessary for it will come through. But I would also like to make the point that it is not purely a matter of allocations. It is a matter of implementation of programmes in the right way, it is a matter of societal involvement in which we all have to act together to ensure that this comes about. Thank you, Sir.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Sir, I want to ask the honourable Minister what they stand for, because one of the most important recommendations for the National Perspective Plan is regarding the establishment of a uniform Civil Code in the country. Mr. Dinesh Goswami, the Law Minister, has made a categorical assertion in the Lok Sabha that this Government will not bring in a uniform Civil Code. I want to know what the stand of the Government is regarding a uniform Civil Code whether the purpose to accept that part of the Perspective Plan or

not. Why don't you reply, if you have the guts?

... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: There is nothing like guts or muscle power... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Are you answering the question?... (*Interruptions*) ..

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Why is the honourable lady Member interrupting the Minister?.. (*Interruptions*) ..

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Is she a Minister? She is replying to the question ... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: We have to undo the damage which was done by the previous Government. It was you who brought the Muslim Women Bill... (*Interruptions*) ...

श्री सभापति : अब आपको बात समझ में आई होगी कि दो महिलाओं के बीच में कभी नहीं पड़ना चाहिए । मेरा कहना मान लो ।

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: It was denigrating the status of women. (*Interruptions*) They have forgotten that... (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: My question to the hon. Minister is whether the Government is planning to scrap the Muslim Women's Act. (*Interruptions*)

PROF. M. G. K. MENON: This, as you know, brings us to a very major issue which relates to the whole question of personal law in the country. This is not a matter on which an answer can be given by way of a reply to a supplementary to a question of this nature. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: What are you clapping about?

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: I want to know from the Minister at what level they place the questions and the answers in Parliament. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: It is a policy matter. He should indicate it. We are not asking him statistical details. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: They want to know whether you are going to scrap the Muslim Women's Act. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Are you going to scrap the Muslim Women's Act or not? (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: But she put it in a long-drawn-out way. Here the question is whether the Government has any intention of scrapping the Muslim Women's Act. The Shah Bano case, baba.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: This does not arise out of this question. What kind of question is this? When the Bill was passed, they did not oppose it. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: It is irresponsible, totally irresponsible. The whole thing is irresponsible. You are trying to bring in unnecessarily a communal plant. You have framed it. It is your failure. (*Interruptions*) You should be ashamed.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Don't shout. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: What election? You played the communal card. .. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Is she the Minister answering the question? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: The only party which played communal politics is the Congress Party. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: They are spoiling the Question Hour. (*Interruptions*) They don't want to reply to the question. They are stalling it. (*Interruptions*).

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: The House cannot be bambooz-

led by their shouting. Women are against the Act.

श्री रामचन्द्र विकल : सभापति महोदय, आपने कहा—जवाब दें, आपने सवाल को भी स्पष्ट किया, लेकिन मंत्री जो जवाब नहीं दे रहे हैं ।

श्री सभापति : उनको नोटिस चाहिए । ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री रामचन्द्र विकल : आपने सवाल स्पष्ट कर दिया है, "हां" "न" में जवाब दें ।

श्री सभापति : हर चीज का जवाब "हां" "न" में नहीं होगा । श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा ।

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Sir, please ask Mr. V. P. Singh to expand his Cabinet. There are too many Ministers in waiting. That is the problem.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Your suggestion will be communicated to him. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: He has refused to answer the question. That shows their credibility. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kalmadi, your pleading for the Members will be communicated. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: The difficulty is that they have to have the support of both the Communists and the BJP. So, they cannot make up their mind. If they say that there should be a common civil code, the BJP will be happy, but the minorities will be unhappy. (*Interruptions*)

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा : 28 मार्च, को हमारे आनरेबल प्रधान मंत्री जी ने एक वीमेन्स विंग की कान्फ्रेंस में कहा है कि

'Despite all the pieces of legislation in the past, women continue to be the largest backward group in the country. The lack of economic independence was the major disadvantage faced by women.'

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is your question?

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा : दूसरी तरफ अनआर्गेनाइज्ड सैक्टर में 85 प्रतिशत से ज्यादा महिलायें जो लगी हुई हैं उन पर कोई लेबर लाज लागू नहीं होता, तो सरकार इसके बारे में क्या करने जा रही है ? उन पर लेबर लाज लागू हो, इसके बारे में सरकार क्या करने जा रही है ?

दूसरे, अभी मंत्री जी ने कहा कि महिलाओं को सब जगह आर्थिक समानता मिले और बराबरी का अधिकार मिले, तो इस संबंध में मेरा मंत्री जी से प्रश्न है कि पति के घर में पत्नी को बराबरी का अधिकार मिले और अगर पत्नी शादी के 20 साल बाद या 18 साल बाद तलाक लें तो उस स्थिति में पत्नी को पति की सम्पत्ति में से कुछ मिल सके, इसके लिए कोई बिल का प्रावधान लाने जा रहे हैं या संविधान में कोई संशोधन करने जा रहे हैं ताकि महिलाओं को बराबरी का अधिकार...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री सभापति : ठीक है, ठीक है, आपका क्वेश्चन हो गया ।

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा : नहीं सर, मुझे आपसे प्रोटेक्शन चाहिए ।

श्री सभापति : आपका सजेशन है, दूसरे वाला वह देखेंगे ।

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा : सर, मुझे आपसे प्रोटेक्शन चाहिए ।...(**व्यवधान**)...पति की सम्पत्ति में से महिलाओं को तलाक लेने पर बराबरी का अधिकार मिल सके क्योंकि वह इक्वल पार्टनर कहलाती है, इसके लिए मंत्री जी क्या कर रहे हैं ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: She was first asking about the protection of women under the Labour Law. Her second question is a suggestion for action.

प्रो० एम० जी० के० मेनन : मान्यवर, मैंने इससे पहले जवाब दिया था कि हम

ख्याल कर रहे हैं इसके ऊपर कि प्राप्टी राइट्स में वीमेन्स को कैसे इक्वल राइट्स मिल जायें, वह तो मैंने पहले जवाब में कहा था और इसी तरह से जो नेशनल कमीशन ऑन वीमन को इस्टेब्लिश करेंगे, वह चार्जेज देख लेंगे और यह स्टेच्यूटरी बॉडी बनाने का इरादा है।

Construction of two new Units at Rajasthan Atomic Power Project

*105. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made so far in the construction of two newly sanctioned units at the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project; and

(b) by when the said units are likely to be completed and to start power generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) An overall physical progress of about 16 per cent has been achieved till the end of February 1990 on the setting up of the third and fourth units of Rajasthan Atomic Power Project (RAPP 3 & 4).

(b) The target completion dates for achieving criticality are May 1995 for unit-3 and November 1995 for unit-4, and commencement of commercial power generation in a period of about six months after criticality of these units.

SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: The third and fourth units of RAPP was started about four years back and during this four years time only 16 per cent of the physical target has been achieved. I would like to know how in another four years 84 per cent of the target can be achieved. In such a situation is it not proper that the Government should concede delay in achieving this projection?

PROF. M. G. K. MENON: Sir, I would like to first state that when a project is taken up it is based on site selection. Thereafter it requires appropriate clearances and all that has now been done. That is why I said now the project work is actually in hand and I gave the actual extent of the progress which has been made.

SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Sir, in four years period we have achieved only 16 per cent of the work and in the remaining four years how they can achieve 84 per cent of the work?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: There was a change in the Government.

SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: The hon. Minister was part of that Government also.

I do not require any reply from Mr. Dipen Ghosh; he is not a CPM Minister in the Government. He may be a Minister outside. Sir, my submission is that at the local level there is heat and tension for employment between local and non-locals and that has created delay in implementing the project. I want to know from the Minister whether this is a fact or not.

PROF. M. G. K. MENON: As you know, Sir, in the case of a complex sophisticated system like a nuclear power plant, one has to ensure that work is done in the appropriate fashion. The first question which the hon. Member has raised was with regard to the progress and I can say all the major items which are the nuclear equipment like calandria, end-shields, steam generators, primary coolant and pump motor assembly, turbine generators have all been ordered and in fact for units 3 and 4 they have been received. So all these payments will come up now.